

**Appointment Type:** Permanent

**Working Time:** Full Time

**Reference Code:** 21073e

**Opening Date:** 03/23/2010

**Closing Date:** 04/30/2010

## **Registered Nurse 3 – Infection Control**

**\$4,448 - \$7,111 Monthly (Range 58N) including great benefits!**

### **Agency Information**

The Department of Corrections is seeking highly motivated and qualified individuals for the position of Infection Control Registered Nurse 3 at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center located in Connell, WA. This position offers the opportunity to provide healthcare to a relatively underserved population with clearly defined social objectives. The Department of Corrections maintains 24 hour, 7 days a week facilities that require skilled medical staff be available at all times.

COYOTE RIDGE CORRECTIONS CENTER (CRCC) is located on a 60 acre site about 40 miles north of the Tri Cities. Previously a minimum custody facility with a capacity of 625 male offenders, CRCC recently completed a major expansion project that will house over 2,000 offenders and will help shape the future of corrections in Washington State. Balancing security functions with sustainability strategies, green built Coyote Ridge Corrections Center is designed to protect both the public and the environment. Using 30% recycled materials, efficiency lighting controls and high efficiency lamps, CRCC has achieved energy efficiency rates that exceed State requirements by more than 10 percent!

The Department of Corrections, as a partner in the criminal justice system, enhances public safety, administers criminal sanctions and programs in accordance with the law, and provides leadership for the future of corrections in Washington State.

The Department of Corrections offers a very competitive and comprehensive benefit package including:

- > Outstanding Health, Dental, Vision, Life and Long-term Disability Insurance
- > Paid Vacation, Sick, Military and Civil leave
- > 11 Paid Holidays including a Personal Holiday
- > Tuition Reimbursement
- > Student Loan Repayment Program
- > Enrollment in Washington State Retirement System
- > NO Low Census Days
- > Shift Premium for Evenings and Weekends
- > Health Care Flexible Spending Account
- > Deferred Compensation Program
- > The Ability to Make a Difference to the People of Washington State

For more information please visit: <http://www.doc.wa.gov/jobs/benefitssummary.asp>.

#### **Application Process:**

In order to be considered for this position, you must complete the entire Application Wizard, however, completion of the Diversity Profile Questionnaire is optional. To ensure you complete the entire application, once in the Application Wizard, scroll to the right of the page and use the arrows to go to additional tabs. Remember to click on "Save" at the bottom of each tab to ensure your entries are saved. Be sure to also unlock your profile and keep your email address and other contact information current.

For questions about this recruitment, please contact Candace Gardipee at (253) 680-2771 or email directly to [cgardipee@doc1.wa.gov](mailto:cgardipee@doc1.wa.gov).

For further information about managing your application and profile, please refer to "Manage Your Job Applications and Profile" link from the [www.careers.wa.gov](http://www.careers.wa.gov) homepage.

## **Duties**

The Infection Control Nurse supports the agency mission and vision by providing direct care and both educating and teaching patients and other nursing personnel in all facets of infection control practice. The employee must be able to perform highly complex and varied tasks requiring independent knowledge according to established infection control guidelines. The Infection Control Nurse is trained in scientific based epidemiology practices and is responsible for the surveillance, reporting and analysis of all types of community acquired and nosocomial infections.

- \*Screen, assess, and evaluate offenders as well as the conditions where they live and work to ensure that they are well, safe and their health care continuous;

- \*Respond to all other requests for health care attention in a complete, timely, clinically appropriate and therapeutic manner;

- \*Apply epidemiologic principles and statistical criteria to identify the target population, analyze trends and risk factors and design and evaluate prevention and control practices;

- \*Serve as a knowledgeable and available resource on infection control policies and practices to patients, staff and other health service employees;

- \*Plan transition, make referrals and arrange follow-up when patients transfer or return to the community for specific infectious diseases;

- \*Assist patients to improve their skill and ability to provide communicable disease care for themselves and their families;

- \*Counsel, consult, teach, advise, and provide health information that improves quality of health services and/or enhances safety and security;

- \*Supervises or assists in the direction of several registered nurses

The Core Competencies for all Department of Corrections' employees include: Safety, Treats Others with Respect and Courtesy, Dependability, Accountability, Judgment and Problem Solving, Leadership, Communication, Relationship Building, and Ethics and Integrity.

## **Qualifications**

The ability to obtain a valid Washington State license to practice as a Registered Nurse prior to employment; Graduation from an accredited school of professional nursing;

AND

Additional work experience as a DOC registered nurse, supervisor, or Infection control nurse is highly desirable for this position.

Note: Must have initial and continuous unblemished/unrestricted licensure as a Registered Nurse.

## **Special Notes**

The Mission of the DOC is To Improve Public Safety.

The Department consists of the Office of the Secretary, Prisons Division, Community Corrections Division, Government, Community Relations & Regulatory Compliance Division, Administrative Services Division, Offender Treatment & Re-Entry Programs Division, and Health Services Department. The Department employs over 8,100 staff and has a biennial budget of approximately \$1.8 billion.

For additional information about the Department of Corrections, please visit [www.doc.wa.gov](http://www.doc.wa.gov).

All Department of Corrections' employees are fingerprinted for a criminal history background check.

The pre-employment process may include drug testing.

Tuberculosis is a priority health issue for Department of Corrections' employees. Periodic skin tests are required for all health care providers and those who transport known/suspected Tuberculosis patients. Testing is voluntary for all other employees. When positive tests result, further testing and treatment may also be required. Employment is not contingent upon test results.

All positions in this classification are included in a Union Shop that requires employees to become members within thirty (30) days of employment.

All DOC facilities are smoke and/or tobacco free.

### Other Information

The State of Washington is an equal opportunity employer. Persons with a disability who need assistance in the application or testing process, or those needing this announcement in an alternative format, may call (360) 664-1960 or toll free (877) 664-1960 or Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (360) 664-6211.

### How to Apply

**For job seekers who are not permanent state of Washington employees:**

1. Go to <http://careers.wa.gov/SearchAndApply.htm>.
2. If you are a new user, click on Register Now under the heading: **New Users**. Complete the fields under the **Registration** page. Remember to read and confirm acceptance of the Data Privacy Statement under the **Data Privacy Statement** header. Click Register. You are encouraged to build your profile in the system by clicking Option 1: Build Resume Profile under the header **My Resume**. Returning users can log-in by clicking the Job Seekers Login button.
3. Click on Apply Directly under the heading **My Job Search and Applications**.
4. In the reference code field, enter NB00021073\* and click on Start Search.
5. Click on the link, Registered Nurse 3 – Infection Control, Connell, WA under the **Job Posting** column heading to view the complete announcement and apply.
6. Click through all the tabs along the top to complete your application and a questionnaire.
7. Attach your current resume through the **Attachments** tab.
8. Submit a cover letter summarizing how your knowledge, skills and abilities meet the minimum qualifications of this position under the **Cover Letter** tab.
9. Your application will not be submitted until you hit the **Submit** button under the **Send Application** tab. Make sure to review all your information as you will not be able to edit your application once it has been submitted.
10. If you would like to see the status of your application, click on View Profile and Application History Statuses and Scores under the **My Job Search and Application** column heading on the

**External Job Seeker Start Page.** You will be able to view your questionnaire scores on this page, including the latest status of all your applications.

**Help is available**

- A users' guide for applying to jobs is available at <http://careers.wa.gov/help/>.
- If you need assistance applying for this job, please call DOP at (360) 664-1960 or 1-877-664-1960 or e-mail [Information@dop.wa.gov](mailto:Information@dop.wa.gov).